

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (New) A packaging machine for producing tubular bags from a foil web, comprising:
a shaping shoulder,
an edge forming means; and
a special sealing means, wherein the special sealing means is provided to apply to the foil both a longitudinal seal and an edge seal in a direction parallel to the direction of flow of the foil,

wherein the special sealing means is provided such that the longitudinal seal and the edge seal are applied at least almost simultaneously and at essentially the same height;

wherein the special sealing means comprises a first part and a second part, wherein the first part is provided to apply the longitudinal seal and wherein the second part is provided to apply the edge seal and wherein the first part and the second part are actuated by a common actuator.

12. (New) The packaging machine of claim 11, wherein the first part and the second part are provided at a common height of the machine along the direction of flow of the foil.

13. (New) The packaging machine of claim 11, wherein at least one of the first part and the second part are connected to the actuator by a coupling means.

14. (New) The packaging machine of claim 11, wherein the longitudinal seal is applied to the margins of the foil or proximate to the margins of the foil.

15. (New) The packaging machine of claim 11, wherein the edge seal is applied proximate to the longitudinal seal.

16. (New) The packaging machine of claim 11, wherein the shaping shoulder is provided asymmetrically.

17. (New) The packaging machine of claim 11, wherein the machine comprises edge sealing means provided to apply to the foil further edge seals, wherein the longitudinal seal, the edge seal, and the further edge seals are applied almost simultaneously and in a common plane perpendicular to the direction of flow of the foil.

18. (New) A method of producing tubular bags from a foil web transported through a packaging machine, comprising:

applying a longitudinal seal and an edge seal to the foil in a direction parallel to the direction of flow of the foil, wherein the longitudinal seal and the edge seal are applied almost simultaneously and in a common plane perpendicular to the direction of flow of the foil, wherein the longitudinal seal and the edge seal are applied by a special sealing means, the special sealing means comprising a first part and a second part, wherein at least one of the first part and the second part are connected to an actuator by a coupling means.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
folding one margin prior to applying the longitudinal seal.